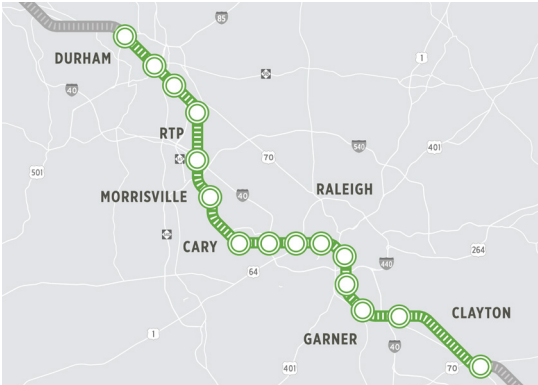


# AFFORDABLE HOUSING A KEY COMPONENT OF COMMUTER RAIL PROJECT



The Triangle J Council of Governments recently studied affordable housing opportunities within the corridor of the Greater Triangle Commuter Rail Project. Investing in a high-quality transit network close to affordable housing would help many Triangle households of modest means, the study found.

The commuter rail project, included in both Wake and Durham counties' transit plans, would run up to 43 miles from West Durham to Garner or Clayton, connecting residents to world-class universities and employment areas and increasing job and educational opportunities for everyone in the Triangle.

## MAJOR STUDY FINDINGS

A majority of residents in Wake, Durham and Johnston counties are spending more than half of their incomes on housing and transportation.

- **45** The recommended percentage of income a household should spend on housing, utility and transportation
- **57** The percentage of income the average household in Durham spends
- **56** The percentage the average household in Wake spends
- **53** The percentage the average household in Johnston spends.



About 27 percent of all affordable housing within the three counties is within a mile of the rail corridor.

- **37** The percentage of Durham County's legally binding affordable residential units that are within a mile of the corridor
- **25** The percentage of Wake County's affordable housing that's within the corridor
- **4** The percentage of Johnston County's affordable housing within the corridor

# 40,000

The number of households in the Triangle metro region that have no car available.

## MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING

In addition to legally binding affordable housing, there also is naturally occurring affordable housing or NOAH within a mile of the commuter rail corridor.

- **22,000** The number of naturally occurring affordable housing units within the corridor that serve low-income households
- **15,400** The number of those that are in Wake County
- **5,600** The number in Durham
- **1,000** The number in Johnston

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